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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, DEWEY RECEIVED READ-OUT FROM VOLFING ON HIS SEPTEMBER VISIT TO JAPAN. RESULTS TRACKED WITH PREVIOUS INFORMATION RELAYED THROUGH GARY PERKINS. JAPAN AUTHORITIES PROVIDED VOLFING WITH A LETTER PLEDGING THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE APRIL '81-MARCH '82 FISCAL YEAR: INDOCHINA PROGRAMS - 30 MILLION DOLLARS; KHMER HOLDING CENTERS - 10 MILLION DOLLARS; ICARA - 5 MILLION DOLLARS (PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BUT JUST CONFIRMED). THE JAPANESE EXCOM STATEMENT OF OCT 13 PLEDGED AN ADDITIONAL 7 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PAKISTAN.

2. VOLFING NOTED THAT THE JAPANESE PLEDGE REPRESENTS 7 PER CENT OF TOTAL UNHCR PROGRAMS - DOWN FROM 10 PER CENT LAST YEAR. JAPAN'S CONTRIBUTION FALLS SIGNIFICANTLY SHORT OF THE EXPECTED 50 PER CENT SHARE OF UNHCR SOUTHEAST ASIA COSTS (THEIR TOTAL COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT 80-90 MILLION DOLLARS FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AND 34 MILLION DOLLARS FOR KHMER HOLDING CENTERS).

3. VOLFING ASKS THAT WE WEIGH-IN ASAP WITH THE JAPANESE.

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PER OUR AGREEMENT DURING VOLFING'S LAST WASHINGTON VISIT.

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IN ADDITION TO STATING OUR EXPECTATION THAT JAPAN WOULD CONTINUE UNDERWRITING APPROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN PROGRAMS, VOLFFING SEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH HAD PROPOSED 10 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PAKISTAN. THE FINANCE MINISTRY CALLED FOR 8 MILLION DOLLARS, CITING FOOD AND OTHER ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND, AND JAPAN'S MINIMAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAKISTAN. UNHCR APPRECIATES THAT JAPAN COMPROMISED AT 7 MILLION DOLLARS, BUT SEES THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING HIGHER AND PAYING EARLIER, WITH U.S. HELP.

4. GIVEN JAPAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PAKISTAN PLEDGE AT EXCOM, AND THE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS RECENTLY CONFIRMED, VOLFFING URGES OUR EARLY REPRESENTATIONS FOR INCREASES THROUGH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (HE FEARS TOKYO CONTACTS WOULD BE RELAYED AT TOO LOW A LEVEL).

5. DEWEY STATED HE WOULD FOLLOW-UP PER OUR EARLIER UNDERSTANDING. HELMAN

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